

MEETING MINUTES
WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE REVOLVING FUND ADVISORY BOARD
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ
January 28, 2005

Board Members in attendance:

Richard Bark	Kelly Barr
Don Richey	Karen Gaylord
Glinda Oakes	Frank Corkhill
Jim Vieregg	Bridget Bero
Steve Besich	Will Humble
Karen O'Regan	Nicholas Wallwork
Tamara Huddleston	Karen Masbruch
Manuel Ramirez	Nicholas Wallwork

Board Members Absent:

Lori Faeth	Rick Lavis
Lee Stein	

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Vice Chair Karen Masbruch.

I. Welcome/Opening Comments/Administrative Issues-

- A. Tucson Meeting** - Ms. Masbruch discussed the possibility of holding a meeting in Tucson. It was noted that the legislature is in session and it might be difficult to hold a meeting in Tucson during that time. It was agreed to table scheduling a meeting in Tucson until after the legislative session.

II. Approval of November 12, 2004 minutes – Ms. Karen O'Regan made a motion to adopt the draft November 12, 2004 minutes as drafted and Mr. Vieregg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ADEQ Superfund: Department Report- Mr. Don Richey discussed significant issues presented in the report.

ADWR Report –Mr. Frank Corkhill discussed significant issues presented in the report and indicated that the well inventory is near completion. Mr. Corkhill also stated that a meeting will be held to discuss the well rules. Ms. O'Regan asked if he would send notices of the meetings to the Board. Ms. O'Regan also had some questions on the budget and asked for a further review.

IV. Special Issues

- A. Vulture Mill** - Mr. Richey discussed the latest communication to and from Mr. Deibel regarding the remediation of his properties and the progress towards completion of the remediation of the site.

- B. Community Advisory Boards Status Report** – Mr. Richey stated that the Southern Regional Office has two community involvement coordinators and they are staying on track with the meeting requirements for their CABs. However, he indicated that the Phoenix office has been understaffed and CABs have not been held on a regular basis. Mr. Richey also stated that attendance and membership for the CABs has also dropped for those that are active.

V. Committee Reports-

A. Budget and Finance Committee-

1. 2005 Budget: Monthly Financial Report- Mr. Nick Wallwork discussed the monthly reports through December 2005 and indicated that revenues and expenditures are on track. He also stated that it looks like WQARF will have the lowest carry forward into FY 06 since WQARF reform was enacted.
2. Proposed 2006 budget for WQARF- Mr. Wallwork reported that the Governor's and JLBC's proposed FY 06 budget for WQARF is \$10 million from the Corporate Income Tax and \$1 million to come out of ADEQ's General Fund. He stated that this will give WQARF a total budget of approximately \$14.5 million of which \$5.4 million will be available for site investigation and remediation. Mr. Wallwork indicated that this is the fourth straight year of reductions to the budget and asked Mr. Richey what work ADEQ could complete with this budget. Mr. Richey indicated that a budget of \$5.4 million for sites would only allow ADEQ to conduct operation and maintenance of existing systems, a few early response actions, and very limited groundwater monitoring; no real work to complete remedial investigations/feasibility studies or remedies could be completed. Discussion ensued about the effects of the budget and Mr. Wallwork was asked to get additional details on the impacts of the proposed budget. Discussion on the Board's support for the budget also occurred and it was agreed that the Board should support the \$10 million for WQARF, but the \$1 million from ADEQ's General Fund would be problematic for ADEQ's regulatory programs which are necessary to prevent contamination.

B. Legislative Committee -

1. Status of Dry Cleaner Legislation: Mr. Richard Bark presented the proposed dry cleaner legislation and thanked Ms. Karen Gaylord and her partner, Ronnie Hawks, for all of their efforts to research and draft the proposed bills. He indicated that negotiations are ongoing with the dry cleaners and another meeting with them is scheduled for next week.
2. Sunset Legislation- Mr. Bark indicated that a bill is being introduced to give ADEQ another 10 years and there is support at the legislature for it.

C. Funding Priorities Committee

1. Status of Revising the E & E Scoring Model – Ms. Gaylord provided background on funding priorities and how it relates to the E & E model. She also discussed the status of modifications to the model. Ms. Gaylord indicated that the consultant hired by ADEQ provided a draft of a new model to ADEQ, but it needs work. She stated that she will be holding a meeting of the Committee in the near future and ADEQ will be providing recommendations as to how to proceed. Dr. Bridget Bero and Mr. Will Humble offered to assist as they have expertise in this area.
2. Re-evaluation of EPA assistance – Ms. Gaylord provided background on the issue of EPA assistance in Arizona. She indicated that the Board drafted a letter to Governor Hull in 1999 which stated that WQARF has sufficient funds to deal with contaminated sites in Arizona, and EPA assistance was not needed. Ms. Gaylord stated that the Board may want to reconsider that position now with reductions to the WQARF budget for four straight years. Concerns about requesting EPA's assistance to investigate and list sites were discussed. Ms. Gaylord indicated that this would be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

VI. Other Business – None

VII. Public Comment- None

VIII. Adjournment – Ms. O' Regan made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Bark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m..